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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT #2

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before the first line, insert the following paragraph:

--This invention was made with government support under grant numbers P50 GM 20124, T32 GM 07499 and T32 CA 09159 awarded by the National Institutes of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Government has certain rights in the invention. --

On page 1, delete the paragraph referring to the related applications and insert the following paragraph in its place:

-- This is continuation of application Serial No. 07/130,097, filed December 7, 1987, now abandoned, which is in